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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/723,098 Examiner Christopher M. Koehler	PELLERIN ET AL. Art Unit 3726

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 1-10, 12-23 and 25-35 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 11 and 24 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/26/2005</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Specification***

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
  - a. On page 4, paragraph 11 of the specification the applicant states that "...one bead is looped between the seats an outside the seats is adjacent...". Consider revising "an" to --and--.
  - b. On page 8, paragraph 23 of the specification the applicant states "This allows for the for the positioning of the tire T...". Consider omitting duplicate "for the".

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 11 and 24 are objected to because they lack proper antecedent basis. Both claims refer to "said female connector" which is not previously defined. A first female connector and a second female connector are defined but it is unclear as to which is being referred to, if either, in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-35 allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
  5. Regarding **claim 1**, **Held (USPN 3,522,832)** teaches a device for supporting a wheel having spaced seats extending around a vertical axis (**figure 1**). **Ericson et al**

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(USPN 3,495,296) teaches a tire support on a conveyor device (22, figure 1) for supporting a tire having a tread support (48) and a side support (38) that is adjustable.

Harrison (USPN 2,778,388) teaches an apparatus for conveying tires with a tread support and a side support that are not adjustable (figure 1). None of the art stated above teaches a conveyance system for orienting a tire on a wheel and the examiner finds no motivation to combine the references cited with known tire mating systems. Specifically the prior art does not teach a side support *adjustably supported* by the tread support.

6. Regarding claim 14, the prior art as noted above does not teach a first and second supporting element for supporting the tire *with respect to the wheel*.

7. Regarding claim 27, the prior art as noted above does not teach first and second supporting elements containing slots as claimed for providing a seat for supporting tires adjustably.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Koehler whose telephone number is (571) 272-3560. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:30A-4:00P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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